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THE HEDGEHOG

CAN  
SONIC  
WIN...



...AGAINST  
ULTIMATE POWER?



WHAT  
DO YOU MEAN  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
**DESTROY  
KNUCKLES?!**

HE IS  
NO LONGER  
KNUCKLES! NOW  
HE IS ONLY  
**ENERJAK!**

# DESPERATE TIMES

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**JULIE-SU**  
Knuckles' Girlfriend



**ENERJAK**  
Knuckles turned Villain



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
Hero of Mobius



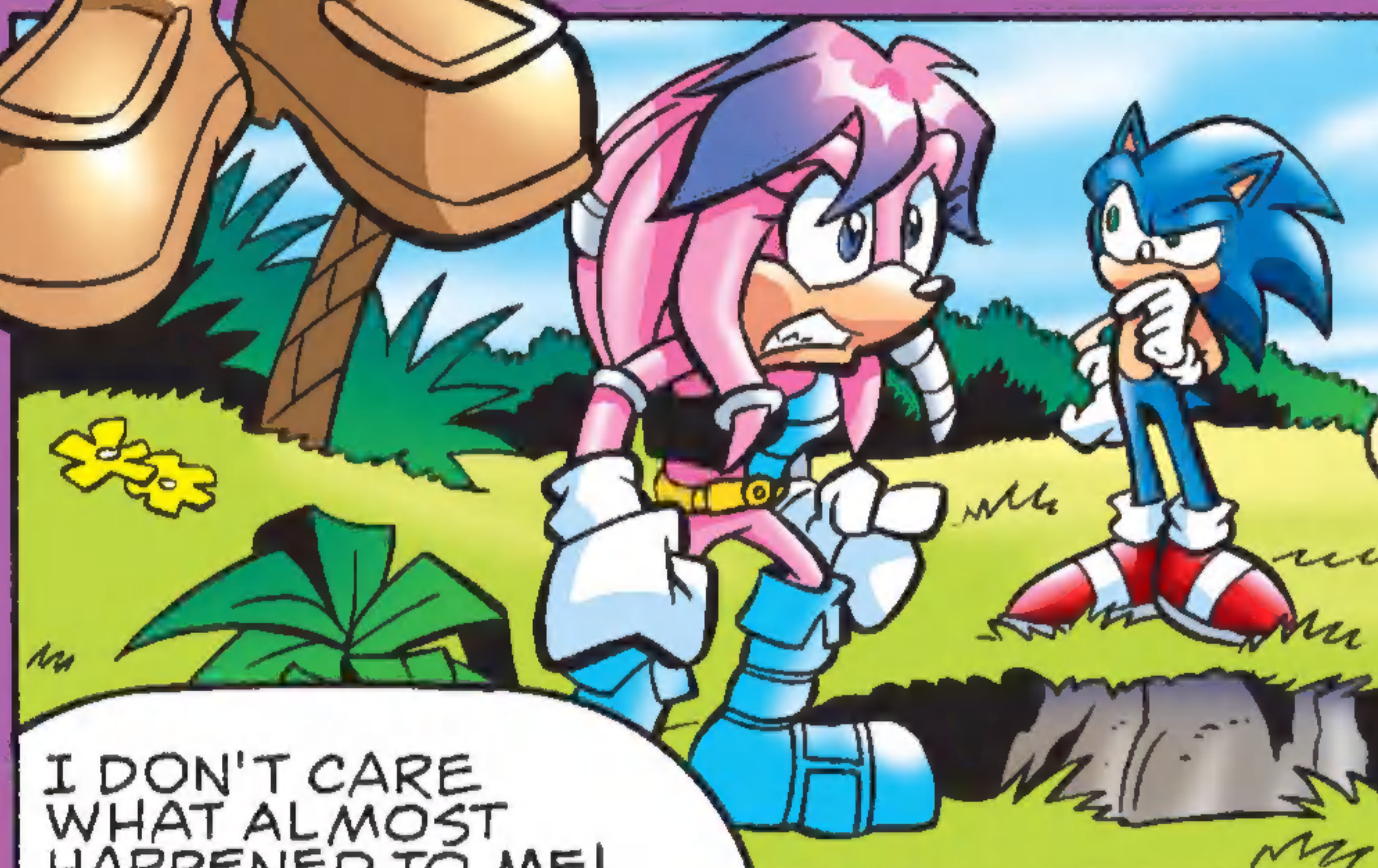
**LOCKE**  
Knuckles' Father





SHORTLY AFTER  
ENERJAK'S LAST  
APPEARANCE\*, THE  
BROTHERHOOD OF  
GUARDIANS  
CRAFTED A  
WEAPON THAT  
WOULD DESTROY  
HIM IF HE EVER  
RETURNED.

*\*BACK IN THE  
CLASSIC KNUCKLES  
# 7!*



YOU'VE SEEN  
WHAT THIS  
ENERJAK IS  
CAPABLE OF,  
JULIE-SU.  
NOTHING  
THAT  
POWERFUL  
SHOULD BE  
ALLOWED TO  
EXIST.

I DON'T CARE  
WHAT ALMOST  
HAPPENED TO ME!  
KNUCKLES OBVIOUSLY  
ISN'T IN CONTROL OF  
HIMSELF. WE SHOULD  
BE HELPING HIM,  
NOT DESTROYING  
HIM!



THE  
WEAPON IS  
A PERFECTLY  
HUMANE  
WAY TO...



NO, IT'S--!  
SONIC! BACK  
ME UP HERE!

I DUNNO,  
'SU. I THINK  
I WANT TO  
TAKE A  
LOOK AT  
LOCKE'S  
WEAPON.



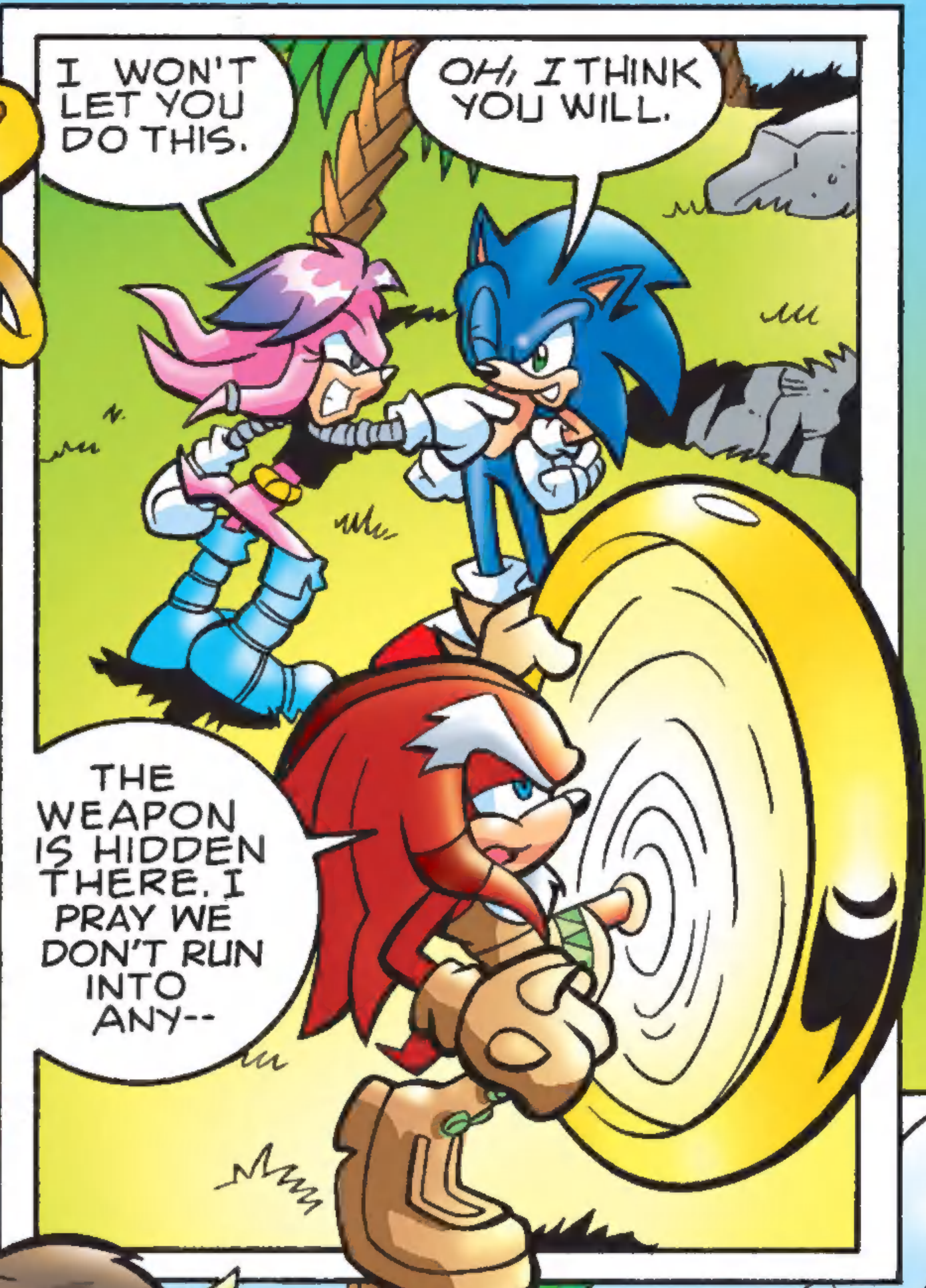




WHAT?!

VERY GOOD, THEN.

I WILL TRY TO PUT US AS CLOSE TO THE RUINS OF THE GRAND CONSERVATORY AS POSSIBLE.



I WON'T LET YOU DO THIS.

OH, I THINK YOU WILL.

THE WEAPON IS HIDDEN THERE. I PRAY WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY--



SGT. SIMIAN

PREDATOR HAWK

FLYING FROG

SLEUTH DAWG

--RESISTANCE.

WELCOME BACK, OLD MAN. WHAT DO YOU WANT SAID IN YOUR EULOGY?

DRAGO WOLF

LIGHTNING LYNX

FIONA FOX

SCOURGE THE HEDGEHOG



MEANWHILE, IN NEW  
MEGAOPOLIS...

MWA-HA-HA-HA!  
LOOK HOW THE  
MIGHTY HAVE  
FALLEN!

THE "ALL-POWERFUL"  
ENERJAK IS NOW MY  
PERSONAL CHAOS-  
POWERED BATTERY!

AND SONIC  
HONESTLY  
THOUGHT I  
WAS THERE  
TO HELP HIM!\*

\*SORT OF--SEE  
LAST ISSUE!

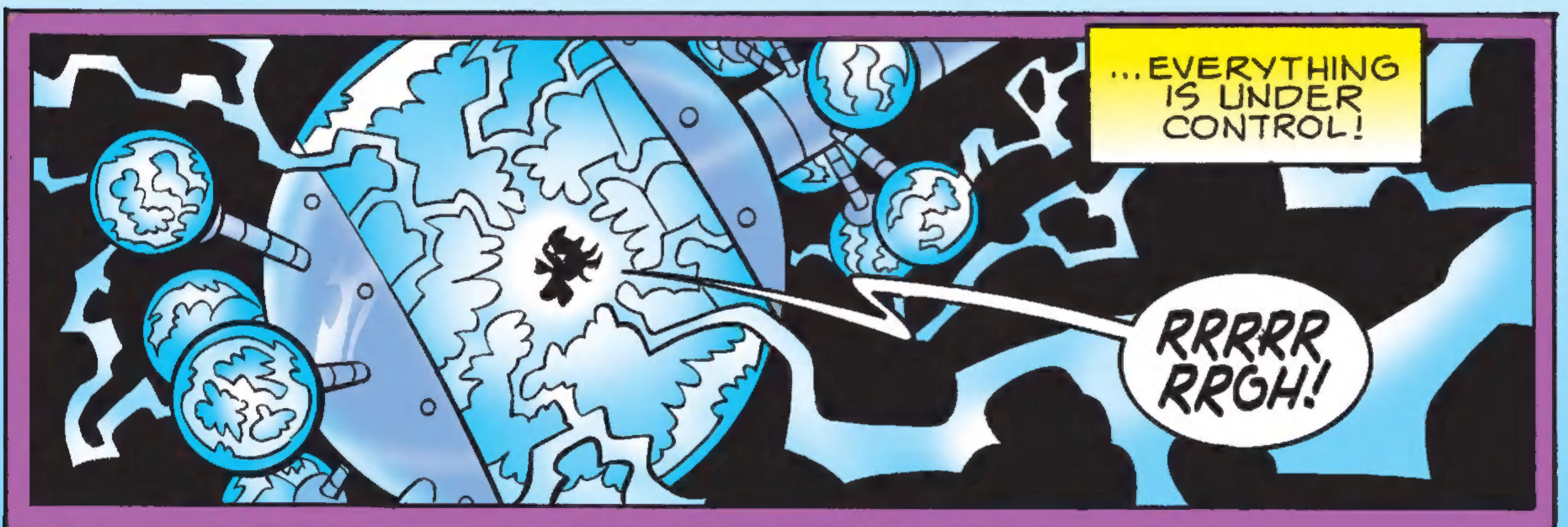
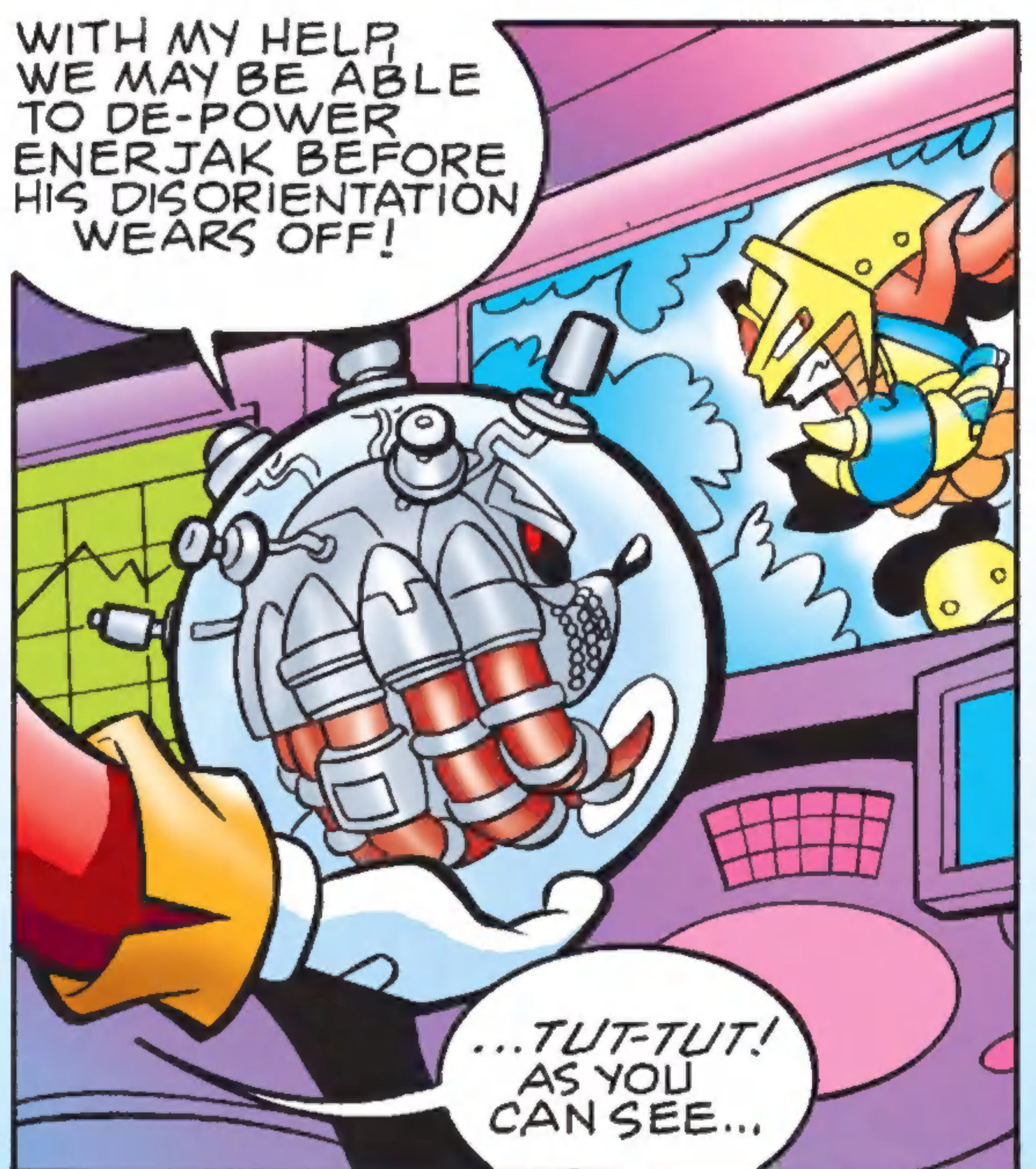
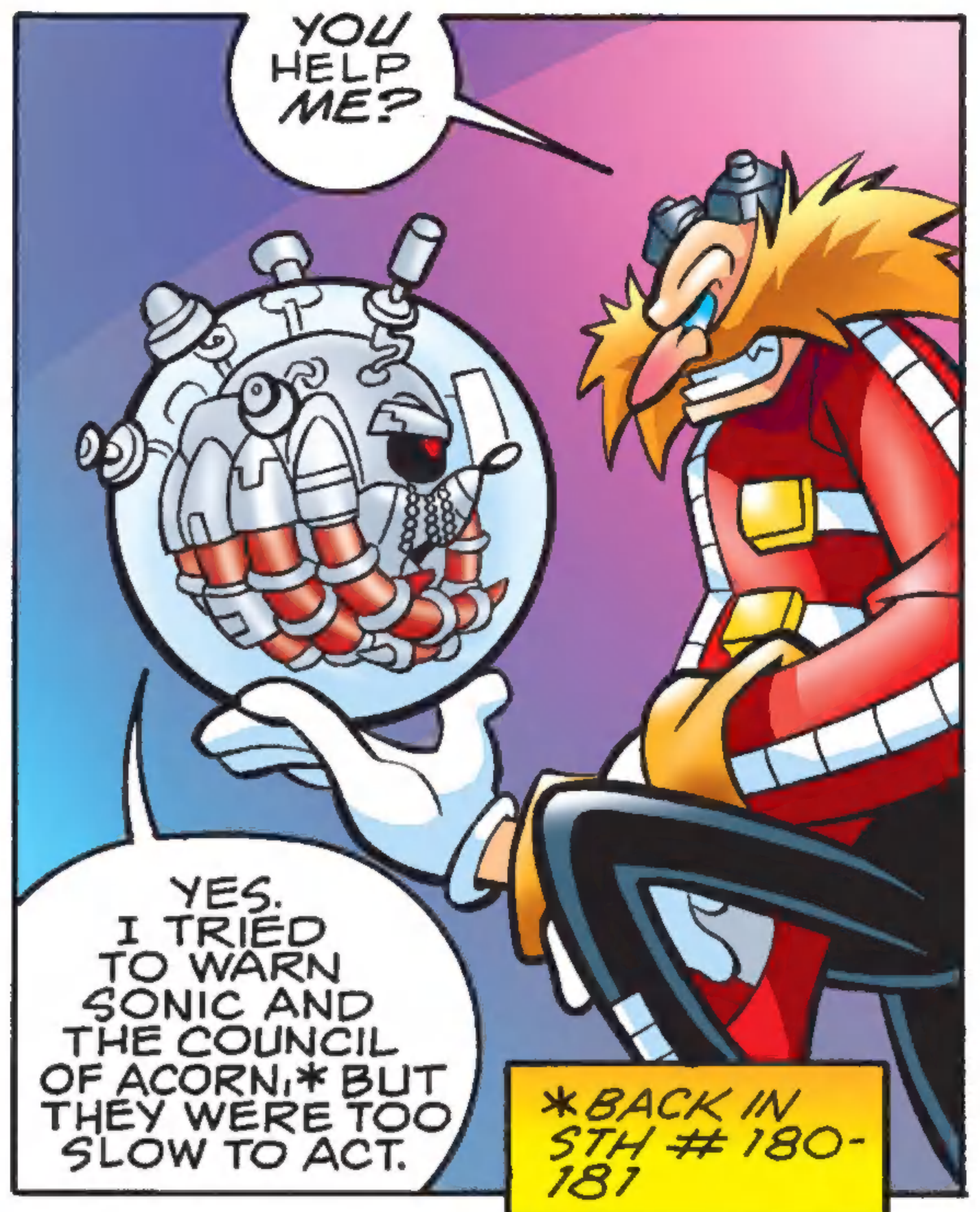
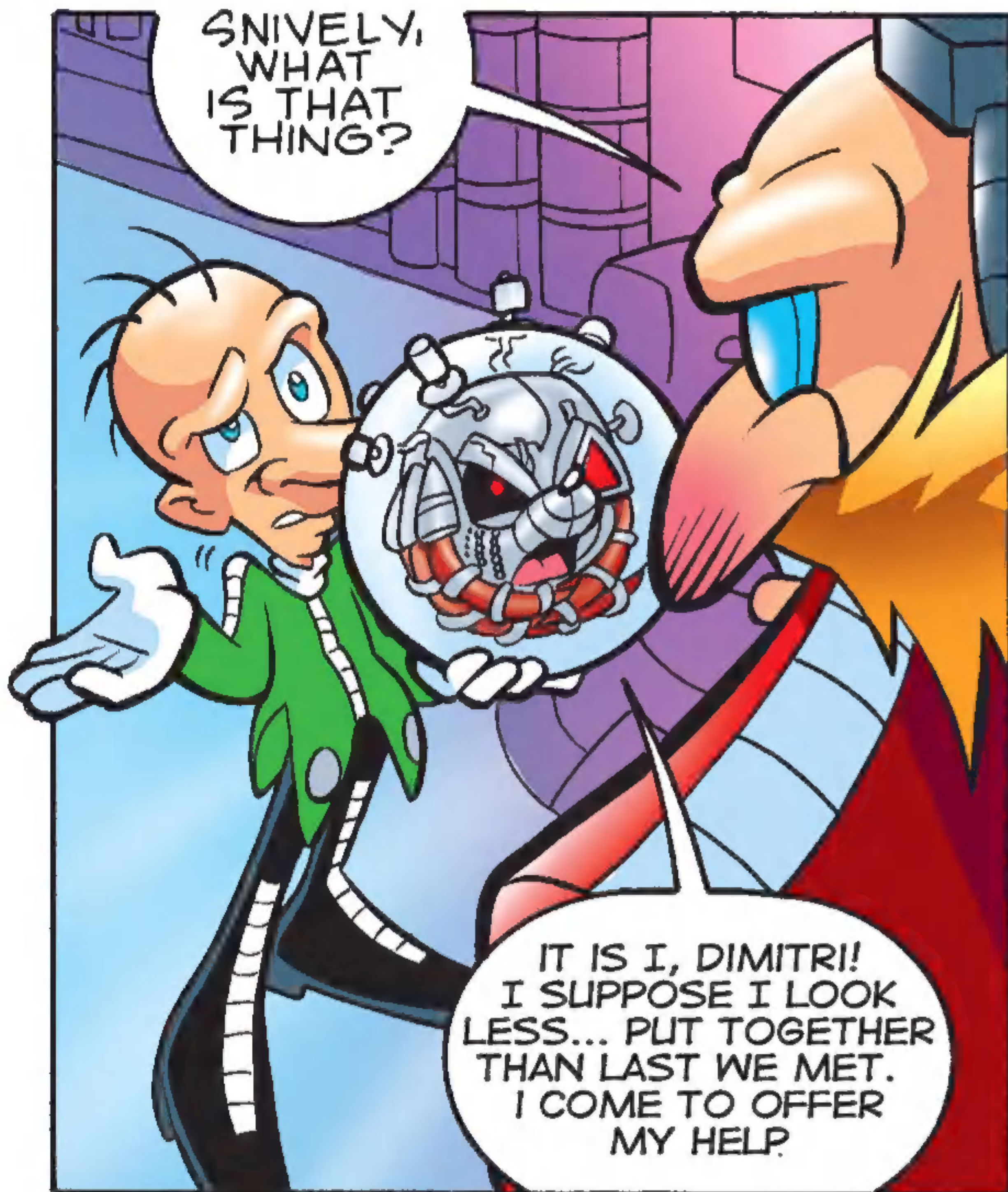
I MAY BE DOWN  
TO THOSE LAST FEW  
EGG GRAPES, BUT  
THE POWER I SAP  
FROM ENERJAK WILL  
BE MORE THAN ENOUGH  
FOR MY NEXT BIG  
PROJECT!

WHILE I  
HATE TO  
INTERRUPT  
YOUR MID-  
VICTORIOUS  
RANT...

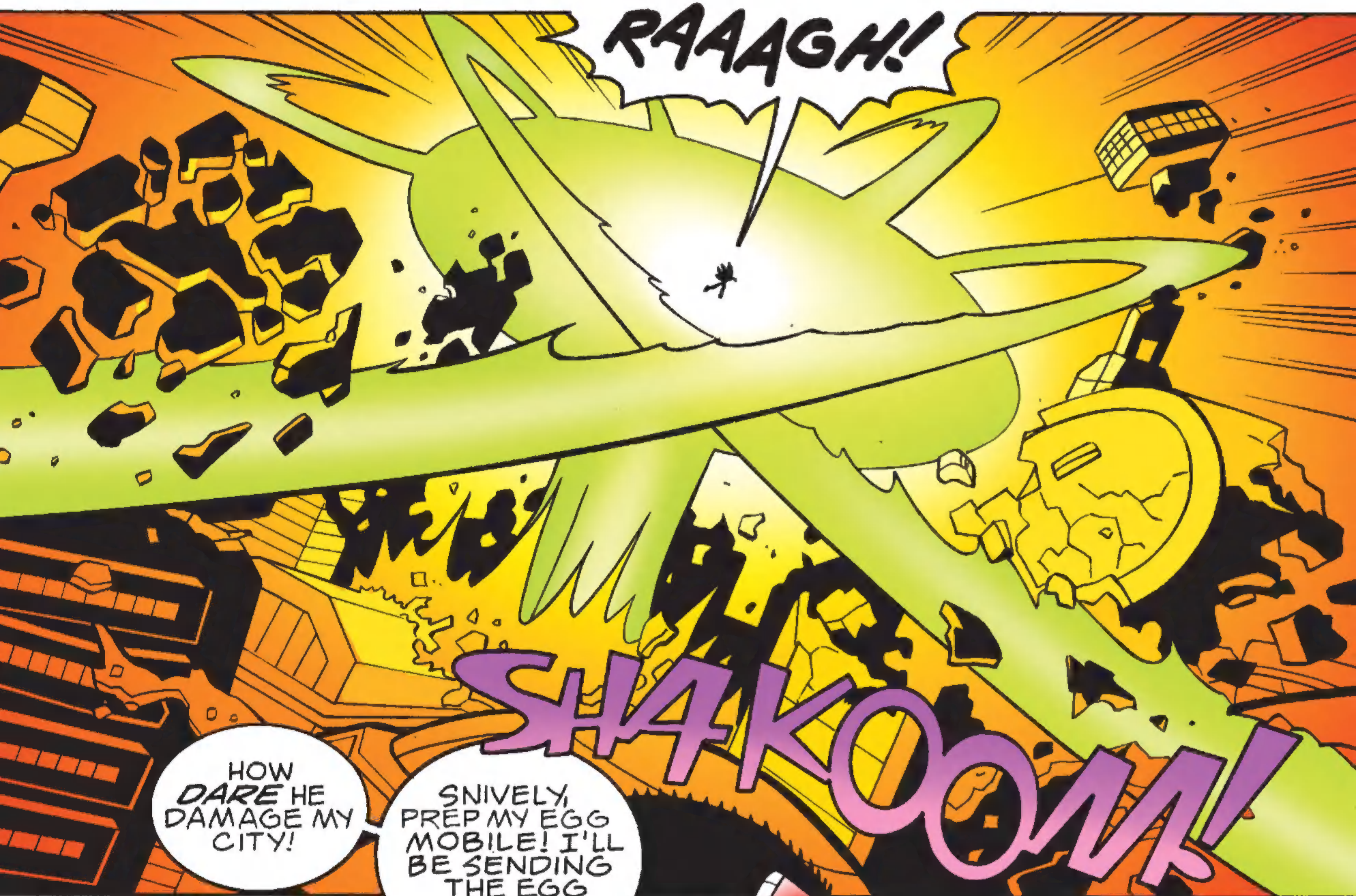
...I FOUND A  
STOWAWAY  
FROM NEW  
MOBO-  
TROPOLIS.

GOOD  
AFTERNOON,  
DR. ROBOTNIK.  
GOOD TO SEE  
YOU AGAIN.











NOW NO ONE  
CAN STOP  
ENERJAK!

I SHOULD HAVE  
KNOWN BETTER  
WHEN DR. FINITEVUS  
SAID YOU WERE  
REFORMED  
MERCENARIES!\*

\*BACK IN  
STH # 171  
REMEMBER?

WE'VE  
TAKEN YOU  
DESTRUCTIX  
DOWN  
BEFORE!

YEAH? WAS  
THERE A TIME  
WHEN WE WEREN'T  
OUTNUMBERED  
OR UNDER ORDERS TO  
LET YOU WIN?

THIS IS SAD,  
EVEN FOR YOU.  
THE DESTRUCTIX  
ARE A JOKE!

THERE'RE  
PERKS TO  
BEING PART  
OF A TEAM...

OOF!

...ESPECIALLY  
WHEN THE JOKE'S  
ON YOU!



YOU'RE A GUARDIAN  
LIKE KNUCKLES, RIGHT?  
WHY DON'T YOU USE  
YOUR CHAOS POWERS  
ON THESE GUYS?

I  
CAN'T.

WHY  
NOT?

DR. FINITEVUS  
HAS BLOCKED  
MY LINK TO THE  
MASTER EMERALD,  
AND I'M NOT  
ABLE TO PULL FROM  
THE CHAOS FORCE  
LIKE KNUCKLES.

AND JUST HOW  
DID THAT CREEP  
GET CLOSE TO  
THE MASTER  
EMERALD?

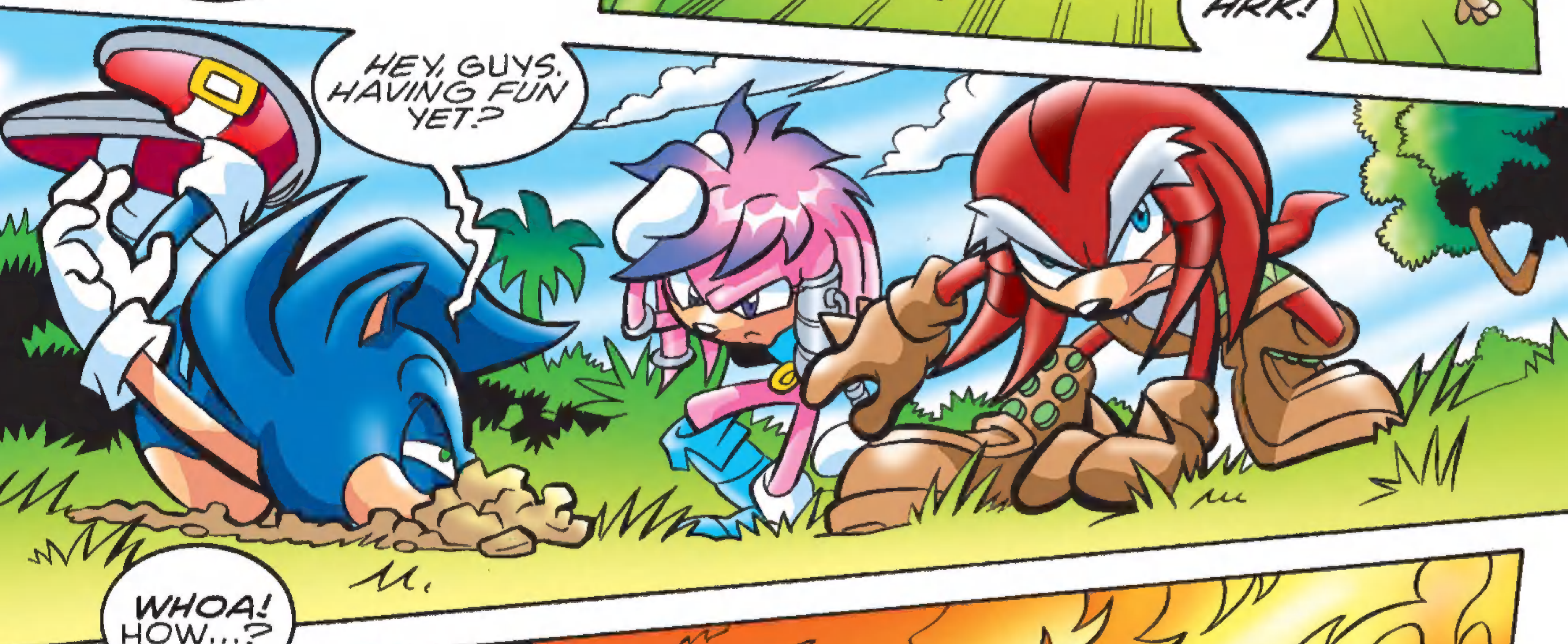
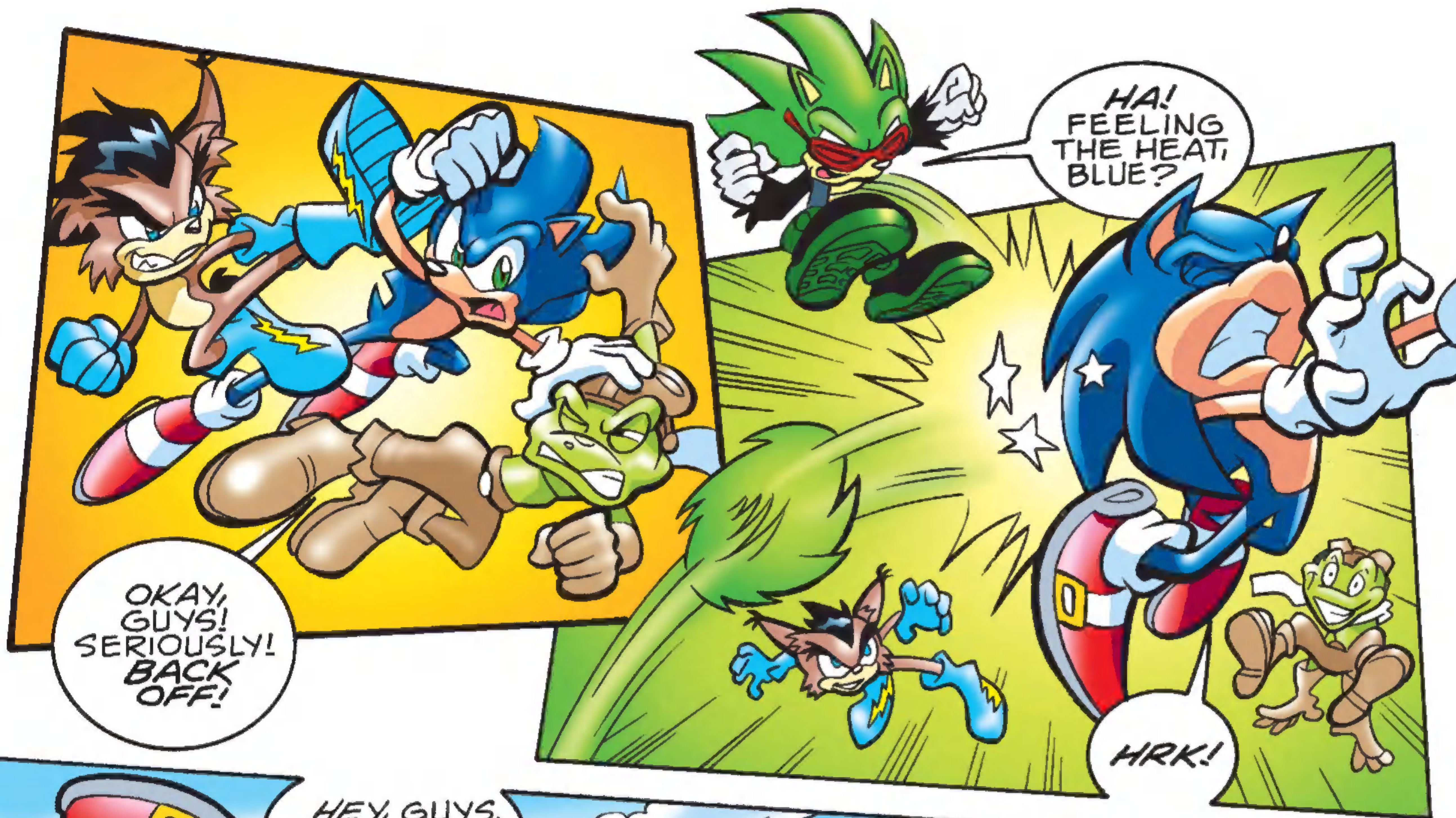
I HAD TO FIND MY  
FOREFATHERS! IF  
KNUCKLES HAD ONLY  
PERFORMED HIS  
DUTY--!

AND THAT  
EXCUSES  
YOU FROM  
ABANDONING  
YOURS?!

AAH!

AUGH!







MOMENTS  
LATER...

REMINDE  
ME--THE  
FIRE-  
BREATHING  
ANT IS...?  
...?

ARCHIMEDES,  
A FORMER  
MENTOR OF  
MINE...

AND  
KNUCKLES!

AND A RECURRING  
VOICE OF REASON,  
I'D LIKE TO THINK.

HELLO,  
OLD FRIEND.  
IS THE  
WEAPON  
SAFE?

BAMF

YES, BUT WE WON'T  
BE USING IT. LOCKE,  
KNUCKLES' TRANS-  
FORMATION IS OUR  
FAULT, NOT HIS. IT WAS  
YOUR GENETIC AND  
CHAOS-ENERGY  
EXPERIMENTS THAT  
GAVE KNUCKLES HIS  
POWERS.

WE PUT  
THE WORLD ON  
HIS SHOULDERS AND  
TOLD HIM TO BEAR  
IT. WE'RE AS GUILTY  
FOR CREATING THIS  
NEW ENERJAK AS  
DR. FINITEVUS.

THE DESTRUCTIX WILL  
BE ON TOP OF US ANY  
MINUTE NOW.  
WE SHOULD...

FIND THE  
WEAPON  
?

'CAUSE I  
DID THAT.  
WHAT? YOU  
GUYS WERE  
BUSY  
TALKING,  
SO I  
GRABBED  
IT.



HOLD IT, SONIC. DOCTOR FINITEVUS HIRED US TO KEEP YOU FROM USING THAT WEAPON ON HIS PRECIOUS ENERJAK.

OOOOOOOOOH! WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE...

I HOPE YOU GUYS AREN'T PLANNING ON CHARGING FOR OVERTIME. ARE WE DONE HERE?

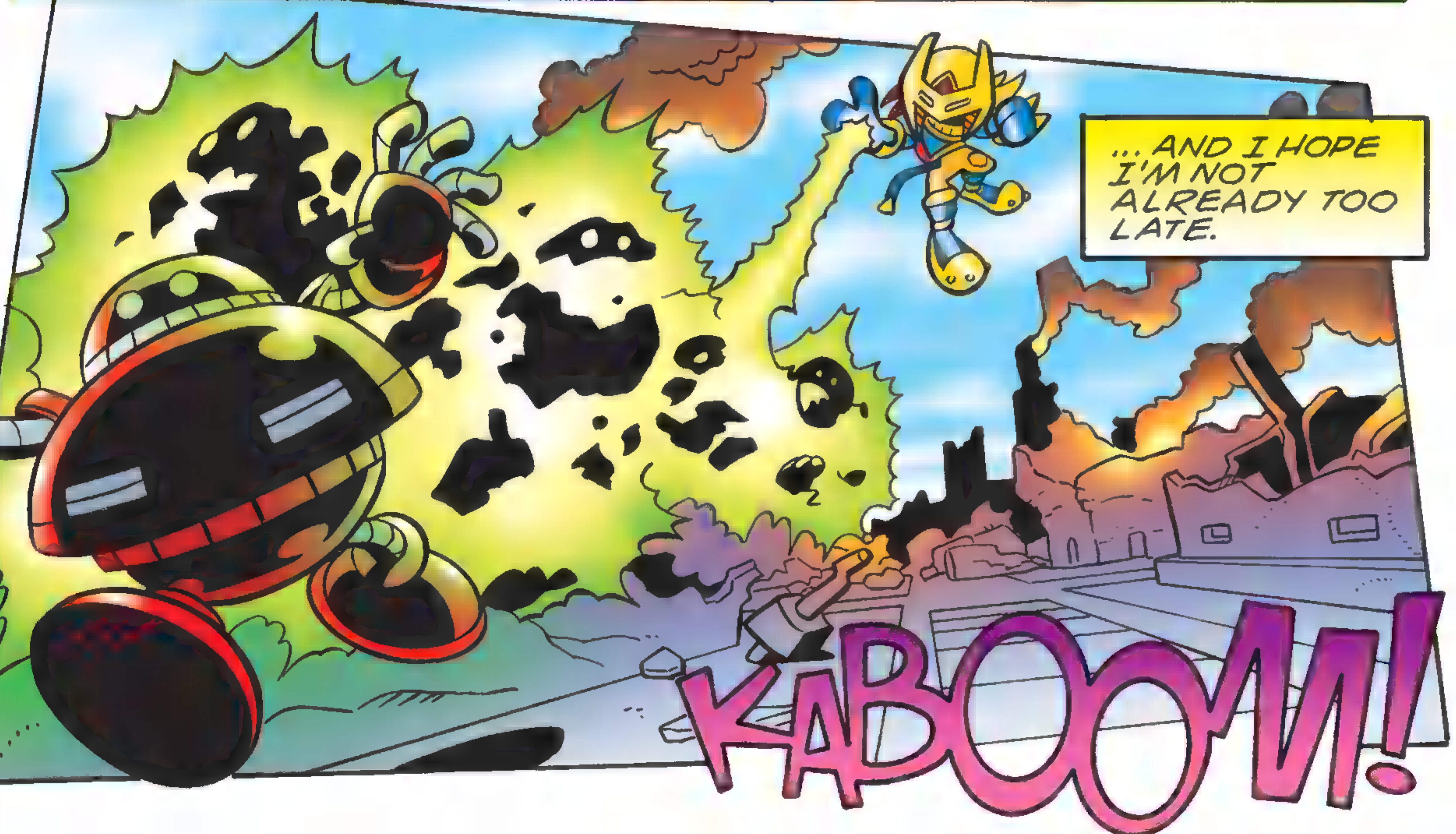
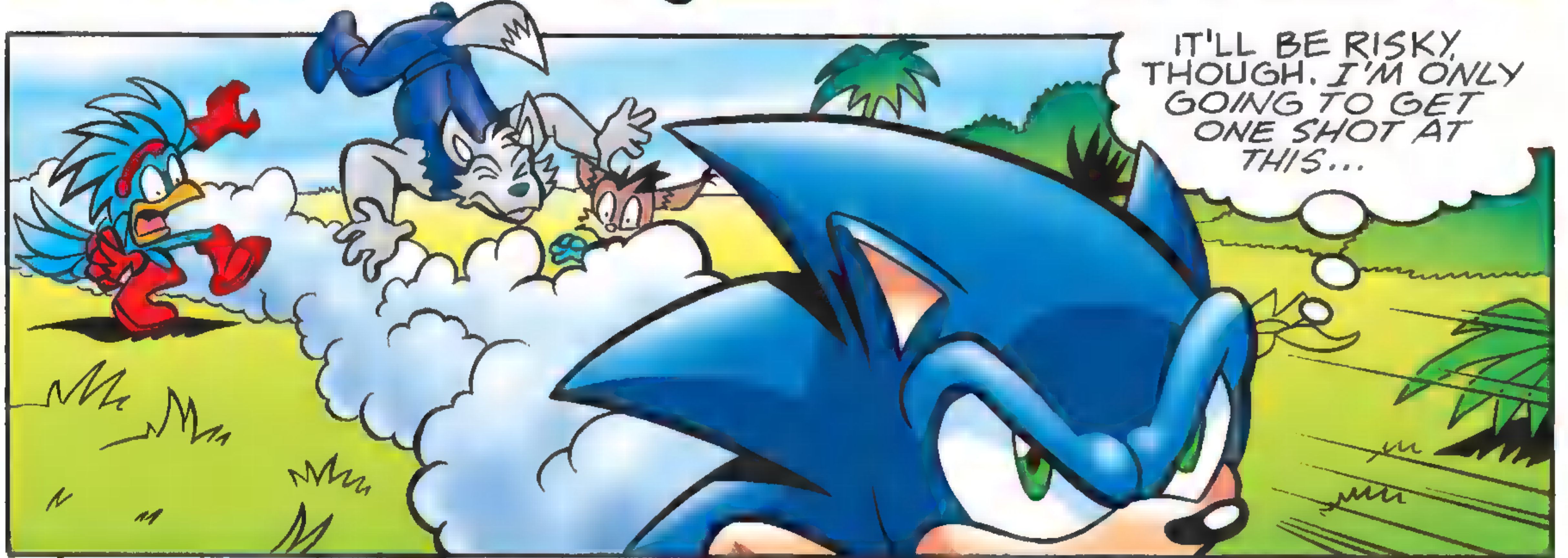
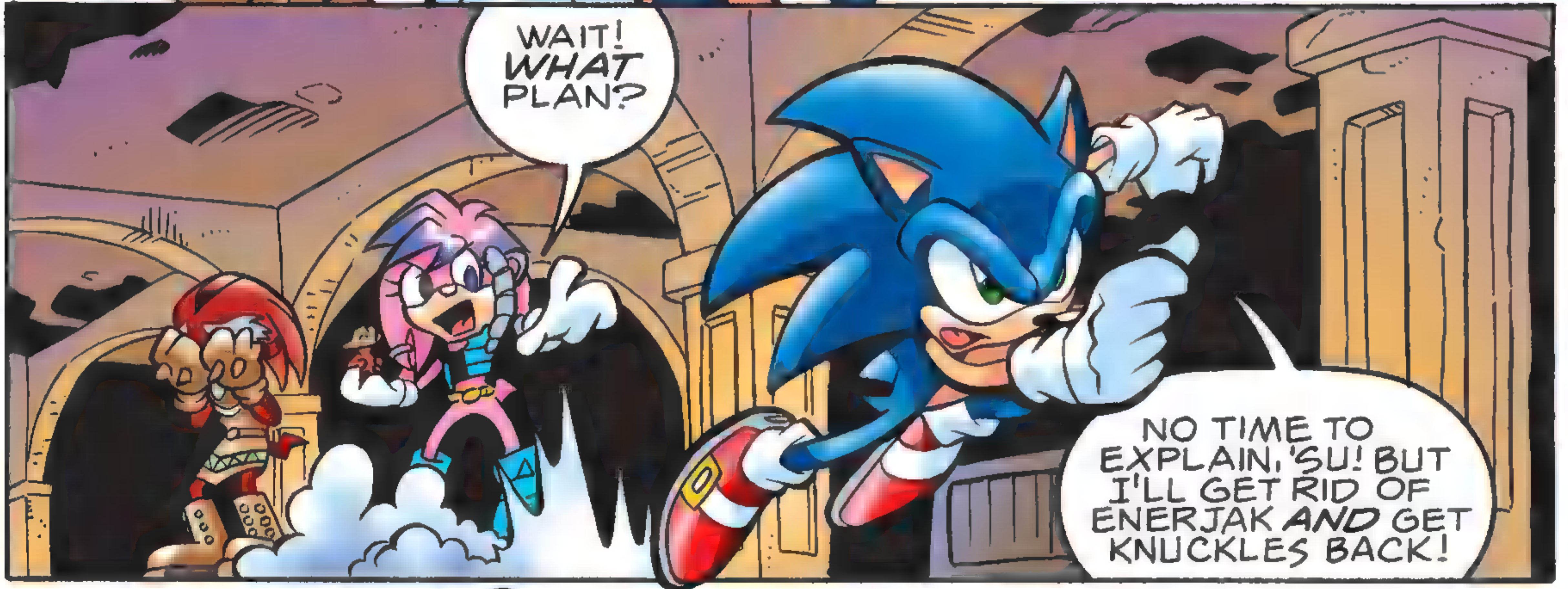
I--I SUPPOSE SO.

...DESTRUCTIX, FALL BACK.

PSSHT! IT WAS MY IDEA TO SMASH IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

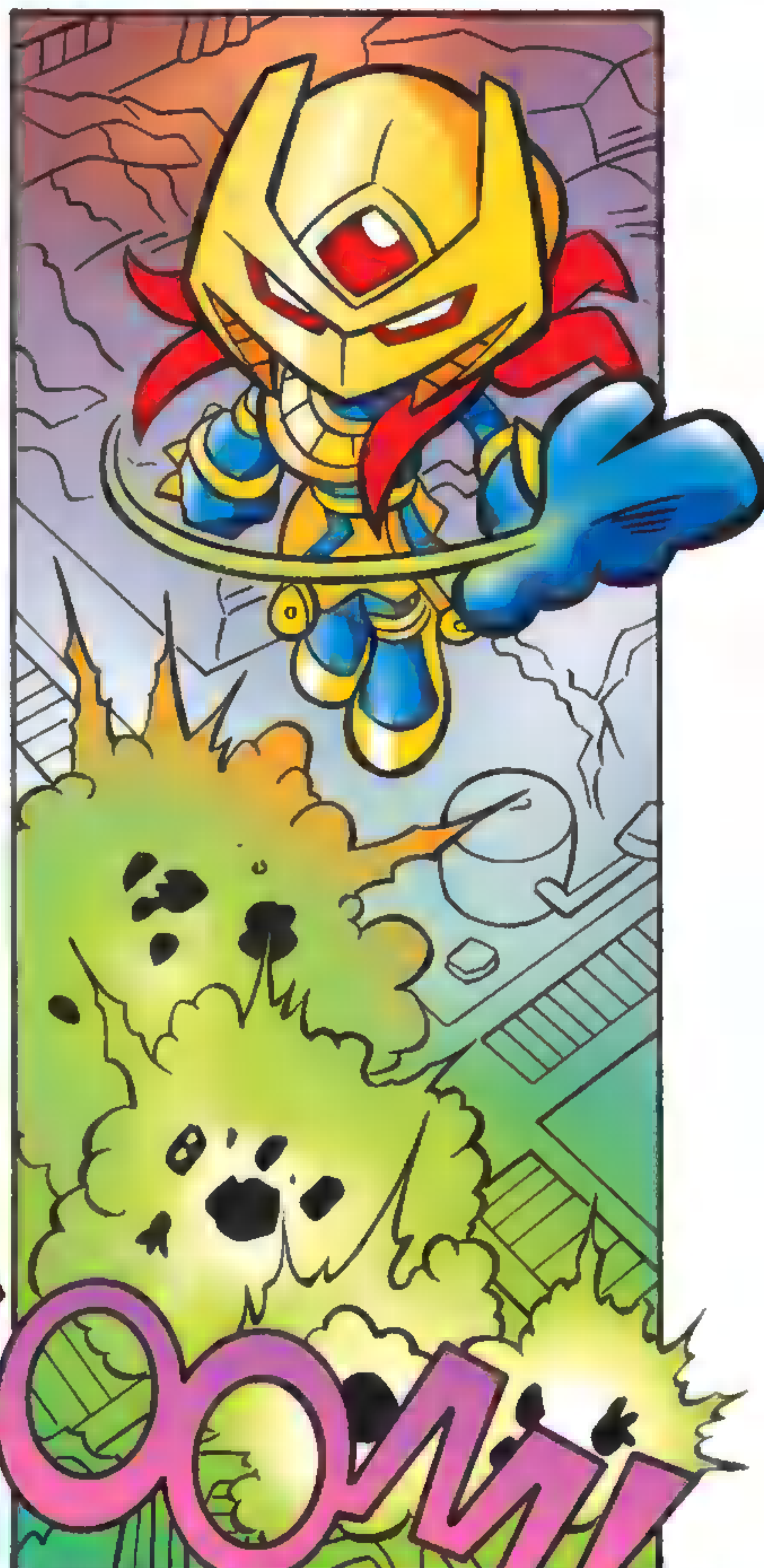
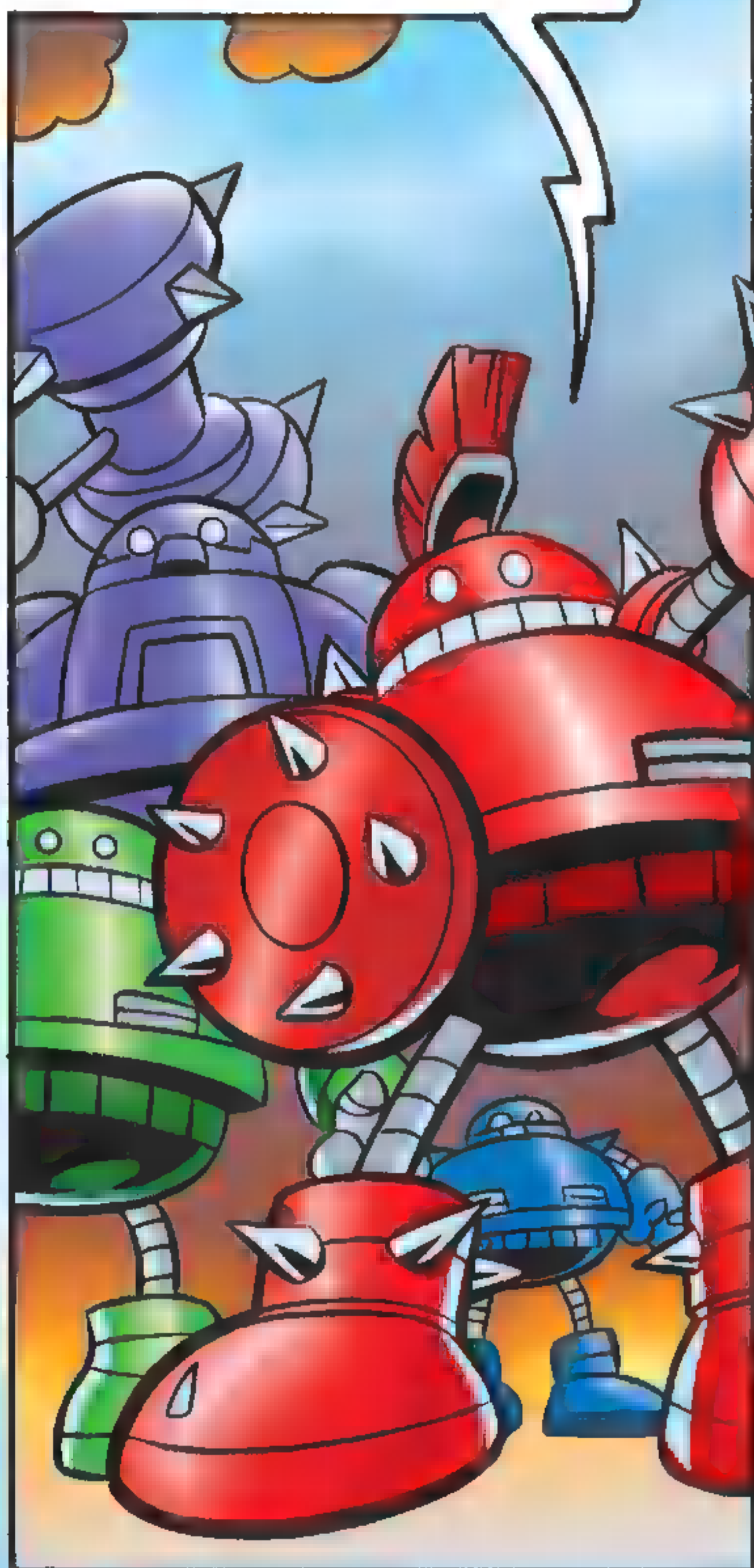
YOU IDIOT! THAT WAS THE ONLY OPTION WE HAD LEFT !!!







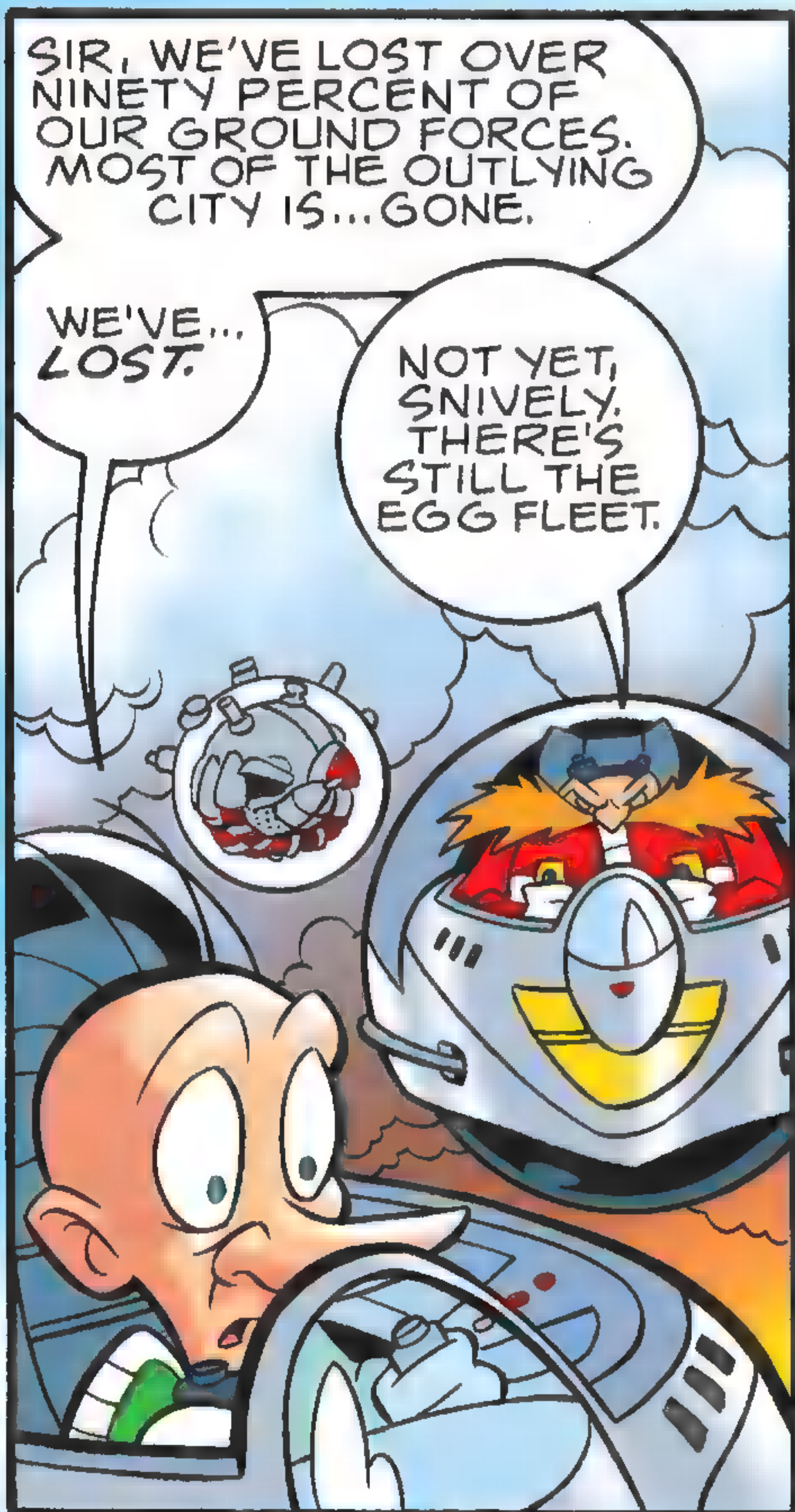
ONWARD, BADNIK  
HORDE! VANQUISH  
ALL IN THE NAME  
OF THE EGGMAN  
EMPIRE!



SIR, WE'VE LOST OVER  
NINETY PERCENT OF  
OUR GROUND FORCES.  
MOST OF THE OUTLYING  
CITY IS...GONE.

WE'VE...  
LOST.

NOT YET,  
SNIVELY.  
THERE'S  
STILL THE  
EGG FLEET.



THERE  
WON'T BE  
ENOUGH LEFT  
OF ENERJAK  
TO FILL  
A PETRI  
DISH.







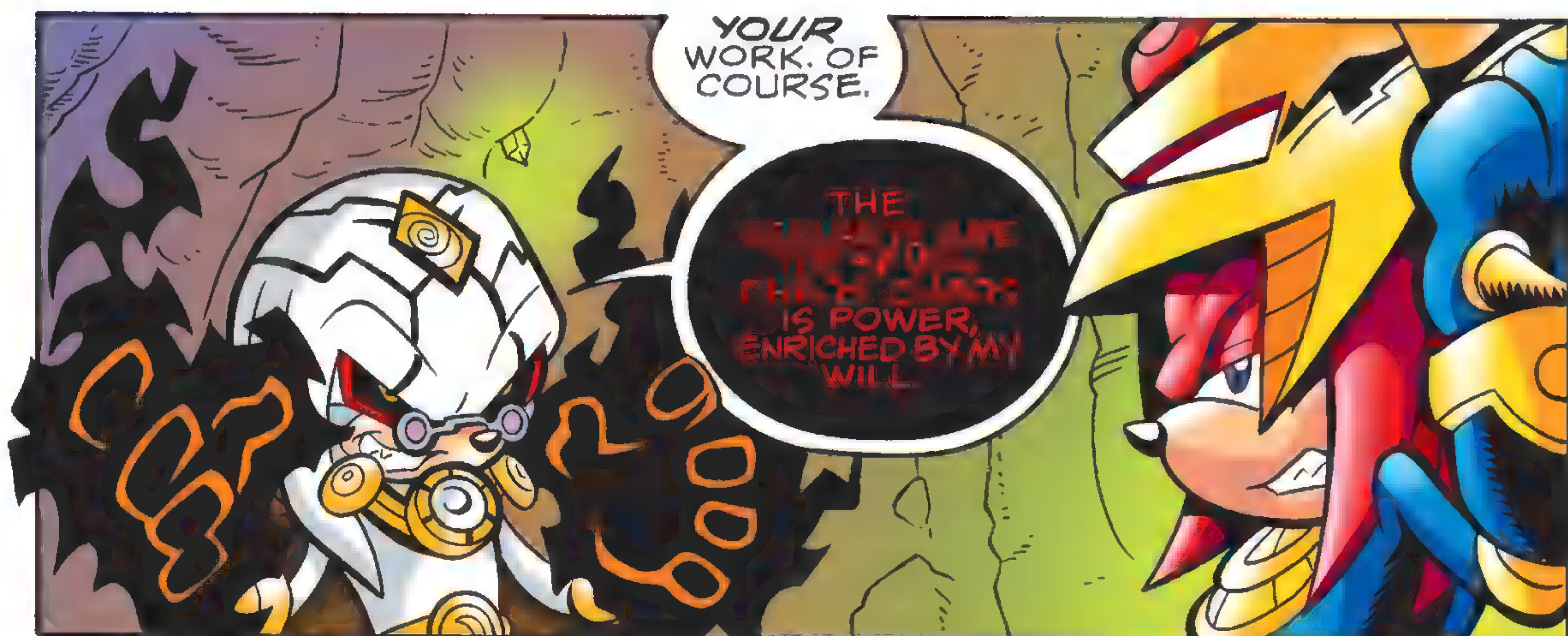
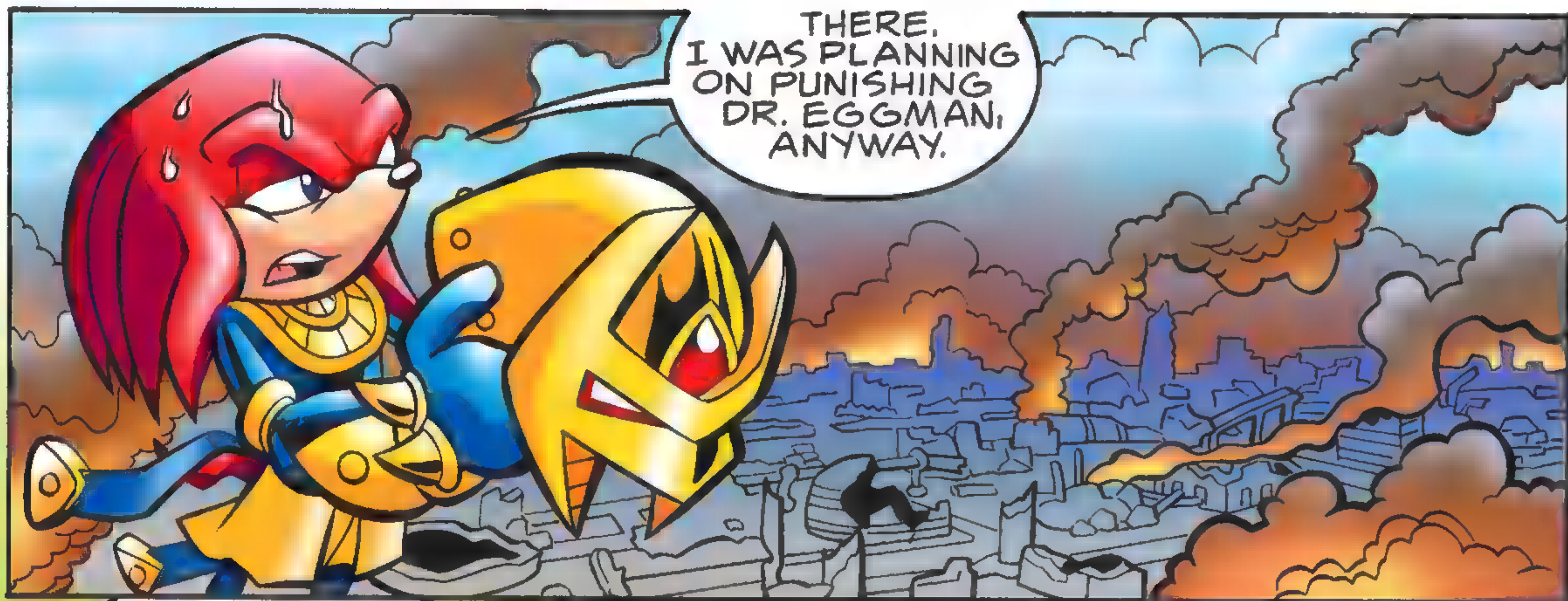
**STOP!**

**RETURN.**

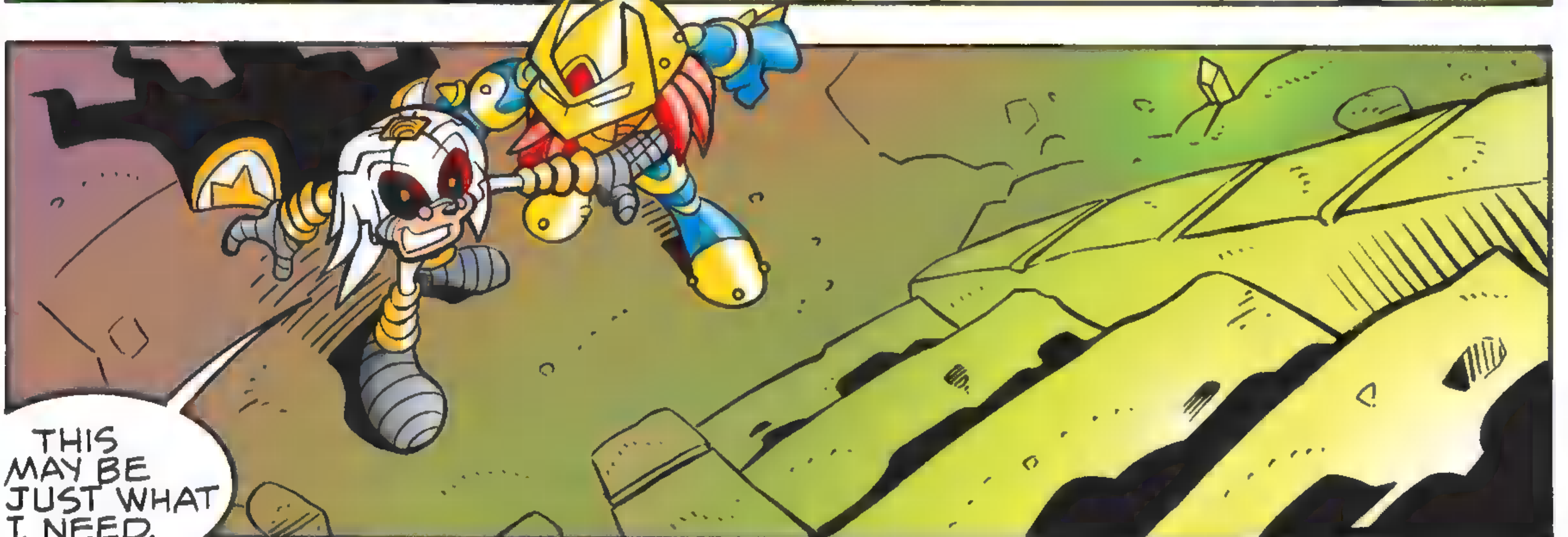
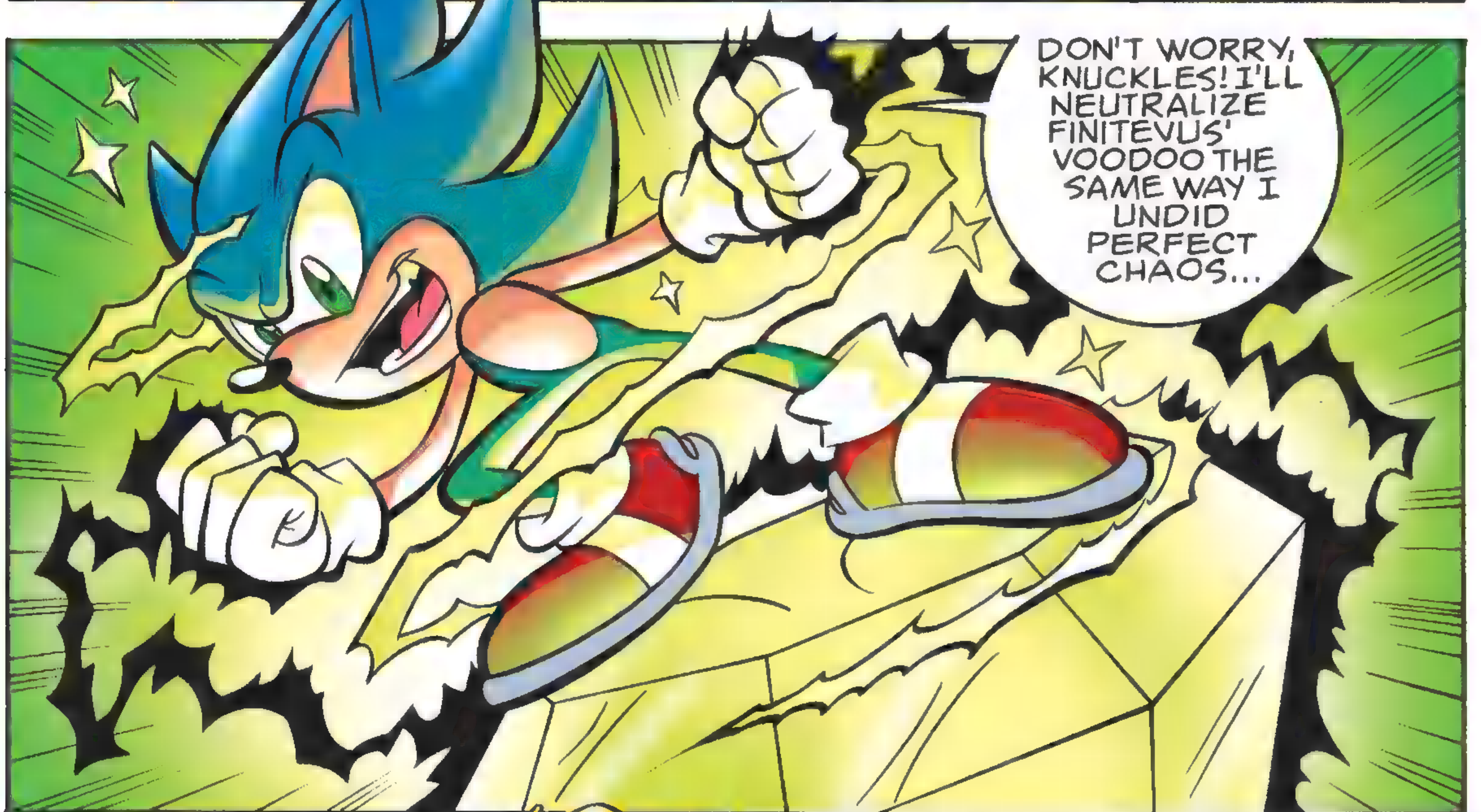
DOCTOR,  
I THINK  
IT'S TIME  
WE GOT  
TO YOUR  
BUNKER.

I-I-I...  
YES.

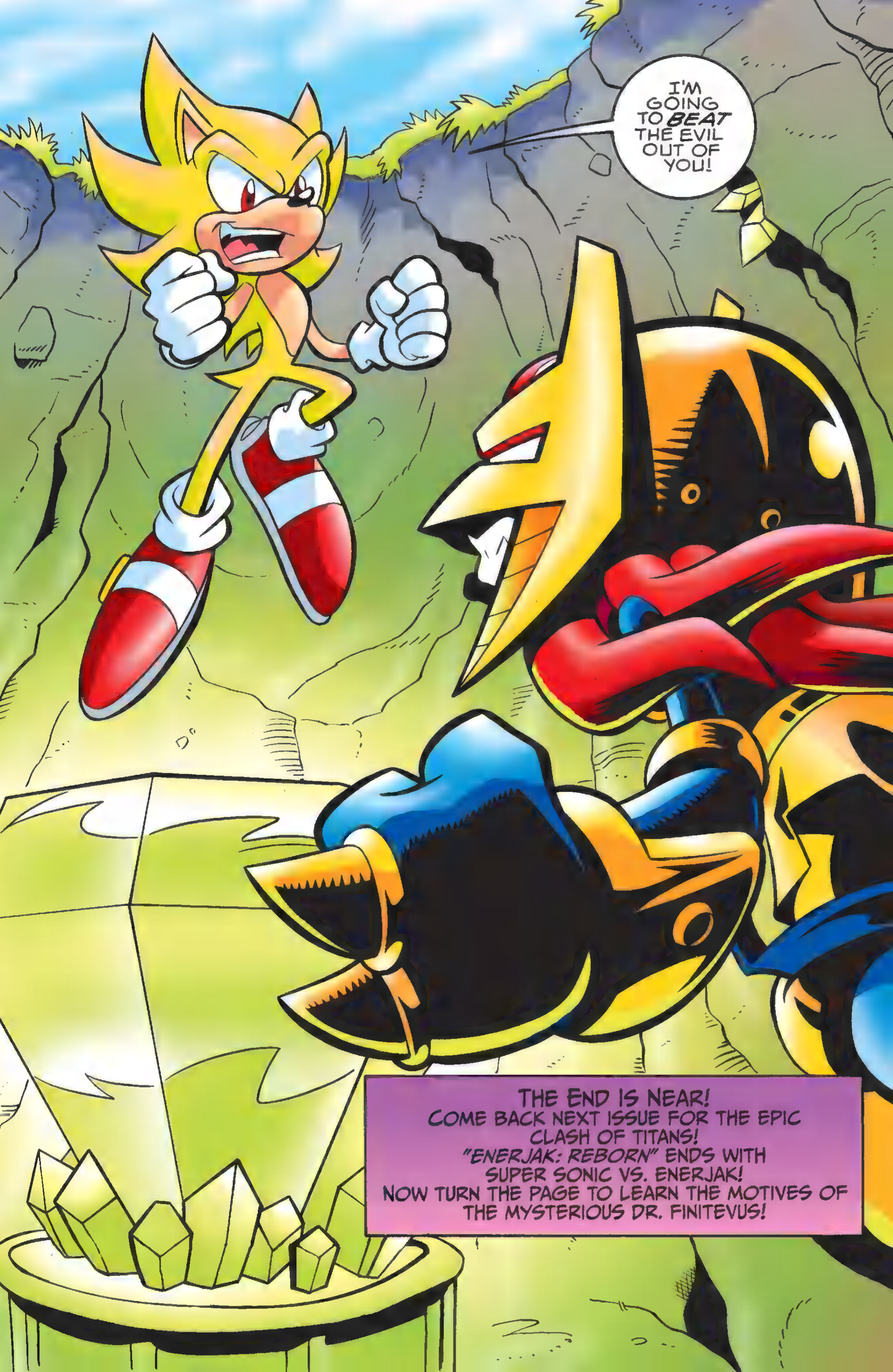












I'M  
GOING  
TO **BEAT**  
THE EVIL  
OUT OF  
YOU!

THE END IS NEAR!  
COME BACK NEXT ISSUE FOR THE EPIC  
CLASH OF TITANS!  
"ENERJAK: REBORN" ENDS WITH  
SUPER SONIC VS. ENERJAK!  
NOW TURN THE PAGE TO LEARN THE MOTIVES OF  
THE MYSTERIOUS DR. FINITEVUS!



# ashes and dust

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HOURS  
EARLIER...

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
WITH THE  
MASTER  
EMERALD,  
SCOURGE?

WHOA! DOC  
FINITEVUS!

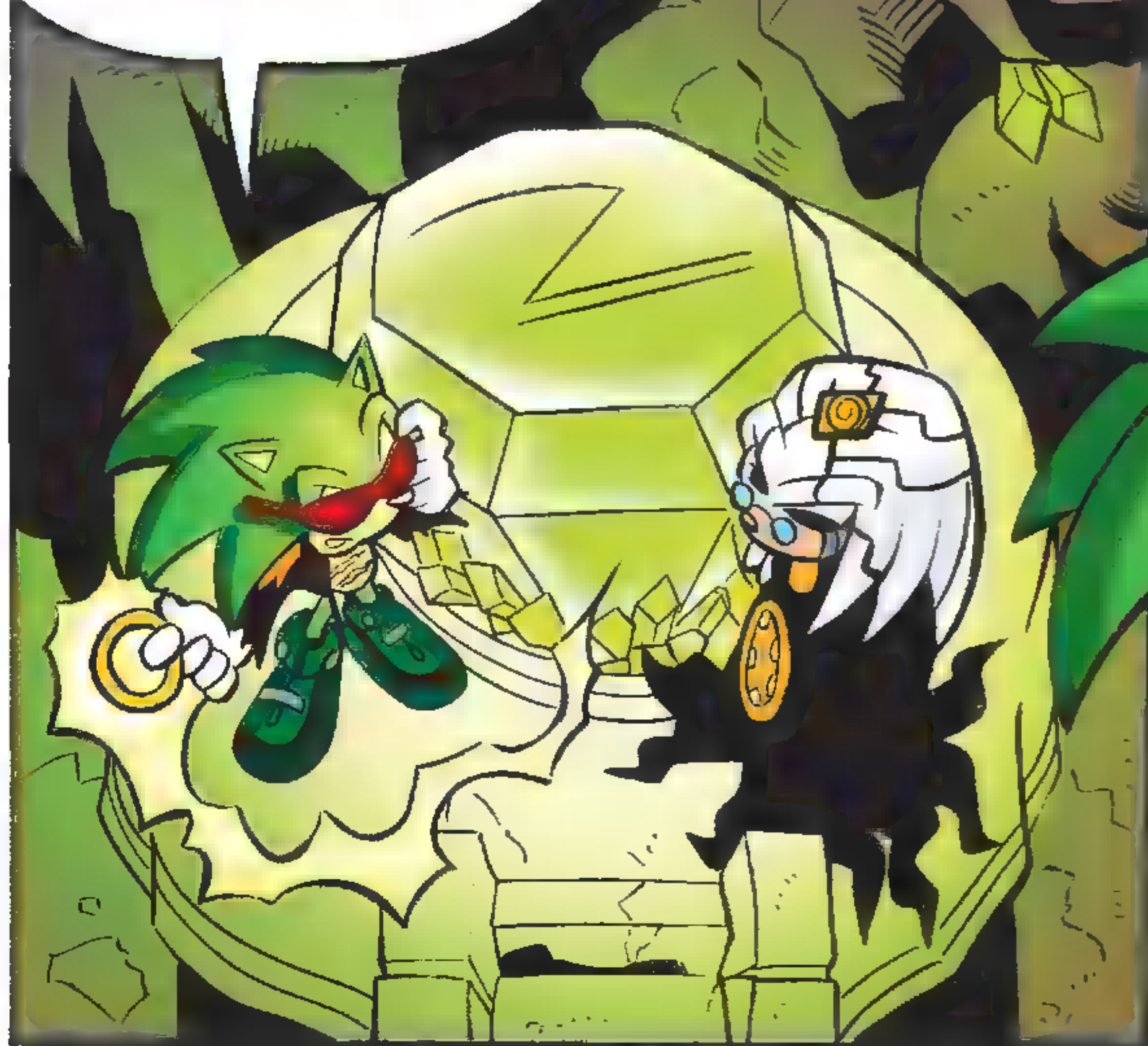
NO WORRIES.  
I'M JUST  
CHARGING UP  
THIS WARP  
RING AS A  
"JUST-IN-  
CASE."

Y'KNOW...  
IF YOUR  
ENERJAK  
PLAN  
GOES  
SOUTH.

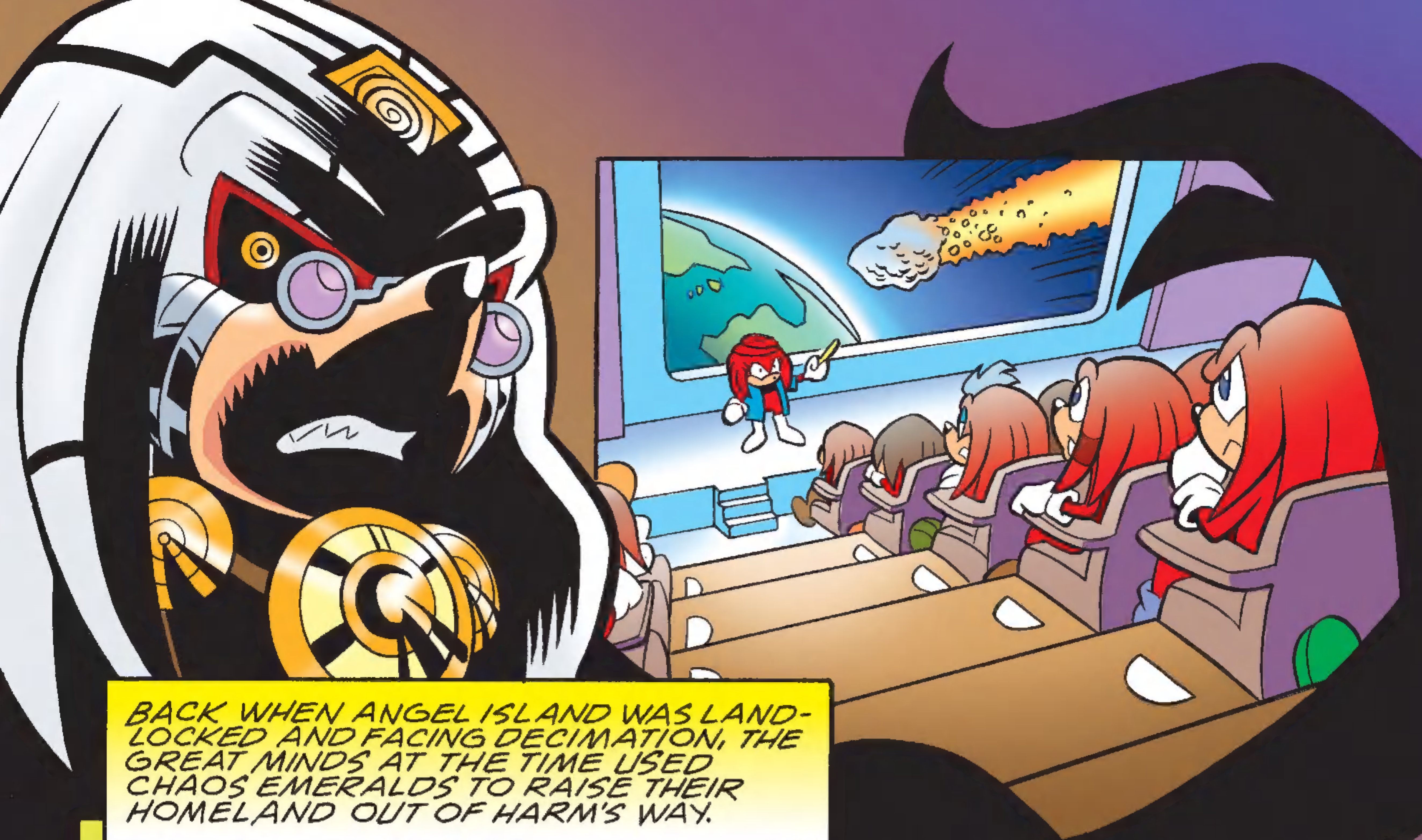
I  
SEE.

NOT LIKE I **GET**  
YOUR PLAN, OR  
WHAT IT'S ALL  
ABOUT, OR WHAT-  
EVER.

WHAT IT'S  
"ABOUT"  
DATES BACK  
HUNDREDS  
OF YEARS...

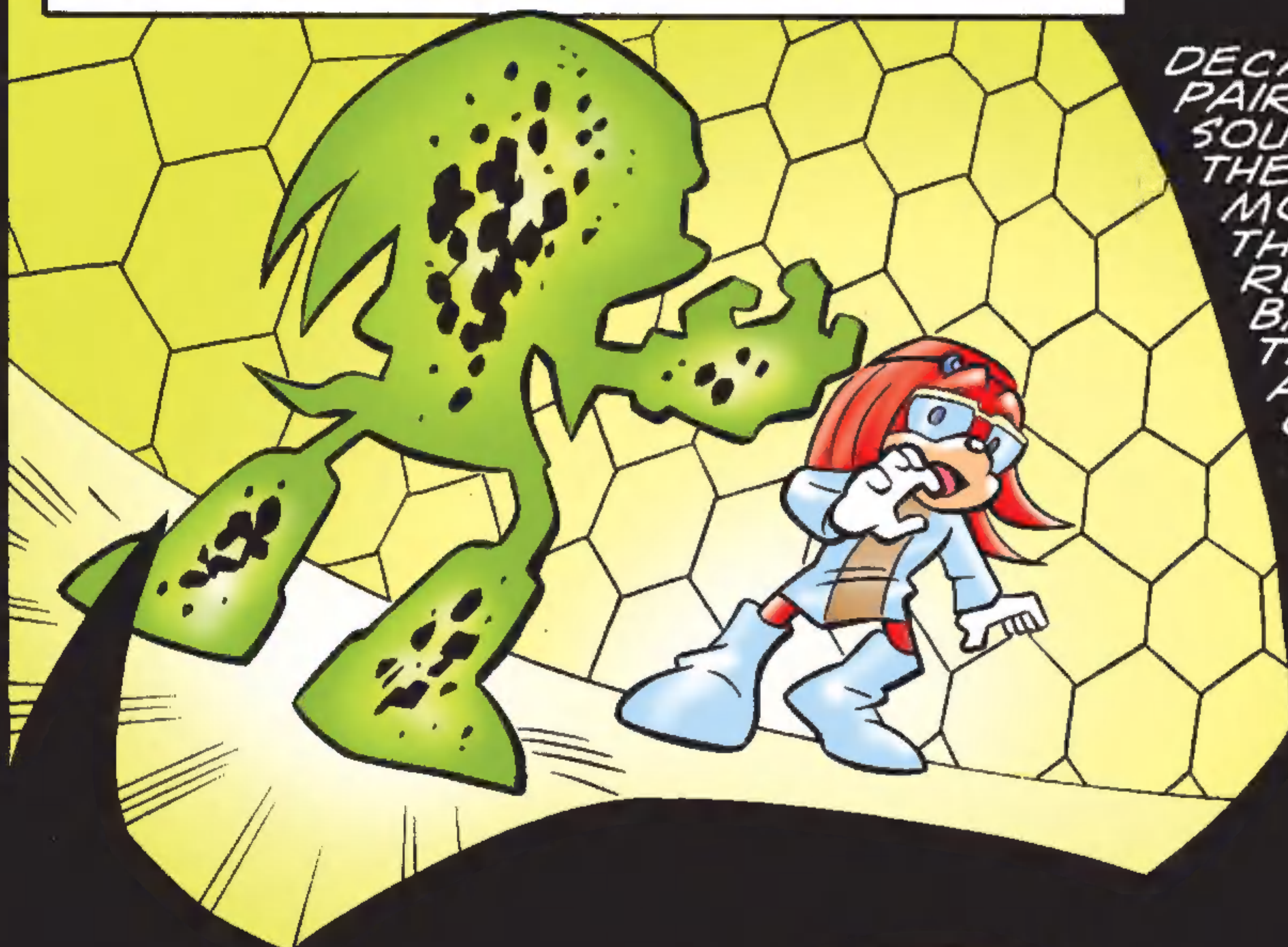






BACK WHEN ANGEL ISLAND WAS LAND-LOCKED AND FACING DECIMATION, THE GREAT MINDS AT THE TIME USED CHAOS EMERALDS TO RAISE THEIR HOMELAND OUT OF HARM'S WAY.


DECADES LATER, A PAIR OF BROTHERS SOUGHT TO RETURN THE ISLAND TO MOBIUS. WHEN THEIR LEADERS REFUSED, ONE BACKED DOWN. THE OTHER'S ACTIONS WOULD GIVE RISE TO ENERJAK...



...AND LATER SET THEIR SONS AGAINST EACH OTHER. ONE MAN'S ARROGANCE GAVE RISE TO THE FIRST GUARDIAN OF THE BROTHERHOOD AND THE FIRST GRANDMASTER OF THE DARK LEGION.








COUNTLESS  
ECHIDNA  
FAMILIES  
WOULD  
HAVE  
THEIR  
LIVES  
AFFECTED  
BY THIS  
BLOOD  
FEUD.

THE SQUABBLING  
HAS CROSSED TIME  
AND SPACE, GROWING  
MORE CONVOLUTED  
WITH EACH  
GENERATION.





SEVENTEEN  
GENERATIONS  
OF GUARDIANS  
AND FIVE GRAND-  
MASTERS HAVE  
RESULTED IN  
*NOTHING.*

I THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
WITH THE  
DARK LEGION?

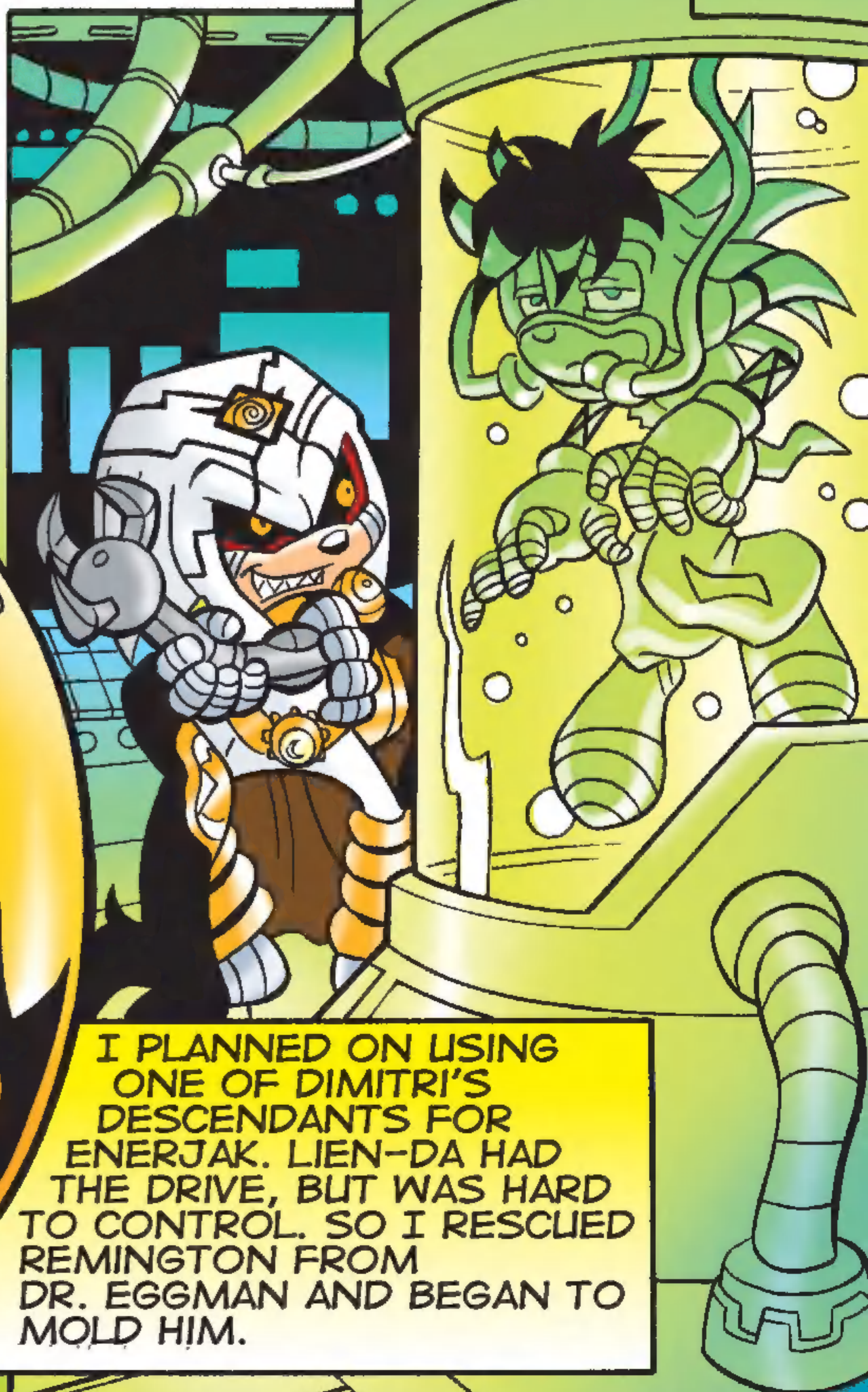
MY TIME WITH  
THE DARK  
LEGION WAS A  
RUSE TO GET  
ME CLOSE TO  
WHAT I  
NEEDED.

THERE, I COULD STUDY  
HOW THE BLOODLINE  
COULD CHANNEL CHAOS  
ENERGIES. MORITORI  
REX WAS OF PARTIC-  
ULAR INTEREST DUE  
TO HIS TIME HIDING AS  
A GUARDIAN.

I DISASSEMBLED  
DIMITRI'S ROBOT  
BODY TO LEARN  
WHAT I COULD,  
WHILE THE  
BATTLE-  
RAGGED  
BROTHER-  
HOOD...

...PROVED  
INVALUABLE.

ONCE I'D LEARNED ALL I COULD, I  
TOSSED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE OLD  
MEN INTO THE TWILIGHT ZONE. I  
THOUGHT IT A FITTING PLACE, SINCE  
THE DARK LEGION HAD BEEN JAILED  
THERE ON SO MANY OCCASIONS.



I PLANNED ON USING  
ONE OF DIMITRI'S  
DESCENDANTS FOR  
ENERJAK. LIEN-DA HAD  
THE DRIVE, BUT WAS HARD  
TO CONTROL. SO I RESCUED  
REMINGTON FROM  
DR. EGGMAN AND BEGAN TO  
MOLD HIM.



BUT...YOU'RE  
USING KNUCKLES?  
AND WHY GO TO  
THE TROUBLE OF  
BRINGING BACK  
ENERJAK  
AT ALL?

I'D FOUND  
THAT KNUCKLES HAD  
THE STRONGEST LINK  
TO THE CHAOS FORCE.  
HE JUST NEEDED...  
**CONVINCING.**

AS FOR ENERJAK...IT ALL  
BEGAN WITH THAT ENTITY,  
AND SO IT SHALL BE  
ENDED BY HIM. WITH MY  
HELP, HE WILL FINISH THIS  
CORRUPT LITTLE  
FAMILY...

...AND THEN  
THE WORLD.  
FROM THE FILTH OF  
DR. EGGMAN  
AND THE HUMANS'  
TECHNOLOGY TO  
THE HOPELESSLY  
LOST MOBIANS.

ALL  
WILL BE  
CLEANSED  
IN A WAVE  
OF EMERALD  
FIRE.

**WILL  
DR. FINITEVUS' PLANS SUCCEED?  
WHAT  
IS SCOURGE PLOTTING WITH HIS WARP RING?  
COME BACK  
NEXT MONTH FOR THE PLANET-SHAKING FINALE!**